

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Delegation Executive Finance Committee
Date/Time: June 22, 2009 / 8:30 am
Place: Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex
Commissioners Conference Room

Finance Committee Members Present: Reps. Sue Gottling, John Cloutier, Beverly Rodeschin, Joe Osgood, Jim McClammer

Other Delegation Members Present: Rep. Raymond Gagnon

Other Elected Officials and Other County Employees Present: Sheriff Mike Prozzo, County Administrator Greg Chanis, Sullivan County Health Care Administrator Ted Purdy, Department of Corrections Superintendent Ross Cunningham,

Others Present: Former Reps. Peter Franklin and Larry Converse. Deb Mozden, Anne Nelson

EFC Chair, Rep. Gottling, called meeting to order at 8:33 am.

The EFC then first took up some transfer requests of over \$5,000 as proposed by Mr. Chanis and approved by Commissioners. Mr. Chanis first reviewed proposed transfers within County Attorney's Office (See attached sheets)

Rep. McClammer moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to approve the transfers in the County Attorney's office.

Motion approved by a unanimous show of hands vote, of 5-0.

Mr. Purdy then reviewed with EFC a proposed set of transfers within Sullivan County Health Care (SCHC)

Rep. McClammer moved, Rep. Osgood Seconded a motion to approve the requested transfer within SCHC. Motion was approved on a 5-0 show-of-hands vote.

Department of Corrections (DOC) Superintendent Cunningham then reviewed proposed transfers within the DOC.

Rep. McClammer moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to approve the requested transfers within DOC. Motion approved on a 5-0 show-of-hands vote.

Mr. Chanis then submitted transfers within the Sheriff's Office, SCHC Laundry, and SCHC Operation of Plant. These transfers that were less than \$5,000 ceiling set by the delegation so that only the commissioners have to approve them. He did submit these as required by the EFC, and answered questions.

Next, Mr. Chanis reviewed Budget reductions as earlier approved by him, department heads, and Commissioners at their 6-18-09 meeting. Reductions totaling \$272,011 which would mean a total FY 2010 Budget to be raised taxes of \$12,956,180 which would be a reduction of \$31.00 over the

FY 2009 Budget. Mr. Chanis said that if there is any surplus in the FY 2009 Budget that it would be applied to reducing the present deficit in the county finances under current law.

Rep. Osgood suggested that if the county receives any federal stimulus funds that they be used for air conditioning at SCHC.

Discussion then ensued on Rep. Osgood's proposal Rep. Gottling said that in her opinion that the main goal in receiving any stimulus funds should be to reduce the deficit, especially in light of the expenses the county will be incurring for the DOC addition next year. Rep. Gagnon cautioned the county hasn't yet received any stimulus fund as of today.

Rep. McClammer expressed concern about cutting two of SCHC's proposed capital projects as suggested by the commissioners including \$100,000 for decentralized dining project, and \$100,000 for Stearns 3 air conditioning and asked Mr. Purdy for comments.

Mr. Purdy said he wasn't totally happy with the cuts to decentralized dining and Stearns 3 air conditioners, but could live with them for now for the sake of cutting County Budget.

Rep. Cloutier moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to accept the Budget reduction totaling \$272,011 in the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget as presented by the County Administrator and based on recommendation made by the Executive Finance Committee. Motion approved on a 5-0 roll call vote (see attached sheet)

Rep. Gottling suggested that some previously unapproved minutes of past EFC meetings be taken up at a future meeting, and this suggestion was accepted without objection.

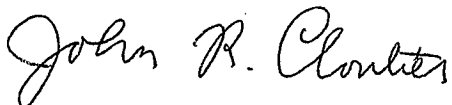
Former Rep. Peter Franklin of Newport spoke in regards to what could be done with possible surplus in the FY 2009 Budget.

Sheriff Prozzo commended EFC for working with department heads to craft a compromise Budget without micromanaging everything.

Rep. Rodeschin moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:29 am.

Meeting adjourned 9:29 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Rep. John Cloutier, Acting Clerk
Sullivan County Delegation Executive Finance Committee

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